

## ABSTRACT

An image forming apparatus of the present invention includes a paper sensor disposed in a fixing device downstream of a fixing roller pair in a direction of paper conveyance. When a jam occurs in the fixing device without the paper sensor sensing a paper sheet and if the fixing device is not pulled out of the apparatus body, it is determined that a paper left in the fixing device has not been removed. The apparatus is then inhibited from resuming its operation with a jam status being maintained.